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SUBJ: SOVIET VIEWS ON NPT EXPORTERS COMMITTEE AND ON INTERNATIONAL TRANSFERS OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL

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1. US AND SOVIET DELEGATIONS TO IAEA BOARD MEETING SEPT. 14 HELD USUAL PRE-BOARD AND PRE-GENERAL CONFERENCE CONSULTATIONS SEPT. 13. PRINCIPAL ITEMS DISCUSSED WERE SOVIET VIEWS ON NPT EXPORTERS COMMITTEE (REF A) AND ON US-UK PROPOSAL THAT ALL THREE NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES PARTY TO NPT ATTEMPT TO AGREE ON SIMILAR PROCEDURES FOR INFORMING IAEA OF THEIR EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES (REF B).

2. ON EXPORTERS COMMITTEE, PROF. MOROKHOV SAID USSR HAD CONSIDERED COMMITTEE'S PROPOSED TRIGGER LIST AND EXPECTED BE ABLE GIVE US POSITIVE AND DEFINITIVE REPLY WITHIN FEW DAYS. ALL MAJOR DIFFICULTIES IN SOVIET UNION'S AGREEING TO LIST HAD BEEN OVERCOME AND THERE REMAINED ONLY A FEW TECHNICAL QUESTIONS WHICH SOVIET DELEGATION WANTED TO CLARIFY IN DIS-

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CUSSIONS WITH IAEA SECRETARIAT EXPERTS DURING NEXT

SEVERAL DAYS. CLARIFICATION THESE DETAILS WOULD BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY TO MOSCOW AND MOROKHOV MADE IT CLEAR HE HOPED RECEIVE GREEN LIGHT FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH US BEFORE HE RETURNS TO MOSCOW AFTER GC. ASKED IF SOVIET UNION WOULD JOIN COMMITTEE, PERHAPS IF COMMITTEE RENAMED, MOROKHOV SMILED AND SAID THEY WERE NOT JOINING COMMITTEE BUT THEY WERE JOINING OUR VIEWS.

3. DISCUSSION ON INTERNATIONAL TRANSFERS DID NOT ADVANCE MUCH BEYOND THAT REPORTED REF B, EXCEPT THAT MOROKHOV CLEARLY INVOLVED AND INTERESTED. HE ALSO HELD OPEN HOPE FOR FURTHER MEETING ON THIS ISSUE AFTER GC. HE SAID PROBLEM WAS NOT WHETHER TO REPORT TRANSFERS TO IAEA -- ALL THREE COUNTRIES AGREED ON DESIRABILITY OF THAT AND SOVIET UNION IS PROUD THAT IT IS DOING SO VOLUNTARILY AND MORE PROMPTLY THAN US. PROBLEM IS WHETHER ADVANCE NOTIFICATION WHICH IAEA DESIRES IS POSSIBLE, AND THIS REQUIRES FURTHER STUDY. ONE OF ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED IS HOW MUCH IN ADVANCE MUST NOTIFICATION BE GIVEN. AMB. TAPE MADE A SIMILAR ANALYSIS, NOTING THAT US NOT CERTAIN EITHER WHAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO IN THE WAY OF ADVANCE NOTIFICATION. TAPE

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